

TRIBUTE TO THE STUDENTS AND
STAFF OF THE YOUTH ACTION
YOUTHBUILD PROGRAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, as our country approaches the second anniversary of 9/11, I rise today to honor the students of the Youth Action YouthBuild program from New York City, New York. On the day after this horrific act of terror, this group showed dedication, character, and courage in a time of national crisis in the United States and for that, they deserve our recognition and thanks.

On September 12, 2001—one day after the tragic events of September 11th—the city of New York called for the assistance with recovery and cleanup. More than sixty-five YouthBuild students and staff organized themselves to respond to that call. Without regard for their own personal safety, the students marched themselves downtown to see how they could help. YouthBuild was among the first organizations to act in response, as most of the nation still sat in stunned silence.

The remarkable students and staff of YouthBuild selflessly donated themselves to the 9/11 cause for more than a month—volunteering their labor and helping to raise money for the cause. The generosity shown by these young people was both magnificent and exhilarating. Thank you, YouthBuild students and staff, for your contributions to America in her hour of need.

J. STEPHEN HORN POST OFFICE
BUILDING

SPEECH OF

HON. HOWARD P. "BUCK" McKEON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

Mr. McKEON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2309, designating the J. Stephen Horn Post Office Building in Signal Hill, California. I cannot think of a better tribute to our former colleague and my friend for his dedication and commitment to his community and his country.

As my colleagues will agree, former Representative Stephen Horn served the people of his district as one of the hardest-working Members during his ten years in Congress. He played a key role in obtaining funds for the Alameda Corridor, the underground rail and freeway connection from the port to the main-east-west links, and secured \$25 million in 2000 to clean up contamination of the underground water supply that extends to South Bay.

Mr. Horn's former constituents may remember him most for securing a single ZIP code for the City of Signal Hill, California. Often considered a part of Long Beach, California, residents of Signal Hill were neglected by the Postal Service. For years, the city and its 9000 residents had higher insurance rates, misreported sales taxes and misapplied utility taxes by long distance companies. Upon his election to Congress in 1992, Congressman Horn made acquiring a single ZIP code for the

city one of his top priorities. Despite a lack of cooperation from the Postal Service and the Postmaster General, Stephen Horn refused to take no for an answer and succeeded in getting Signal Hill its own ZIP code in January 2002.

I am honored to have worked with Stephen in Congress and to have had the opportunity to bear witness to his drive, dedication and devotion to his home State and his constituency.

Mr. Speaker, I stand with my colleagues in support of this resolution and appreciate the opportunity to express my thoughts and gratitude for Stephen Horn.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY,
AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2004

SPEECH OF

HON. THOMAS E. PETRI

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 4, 2003

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2989) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation and Treasury, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and for other purposes:

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Chairman, I ask that a letter from the National Association of State Park Directors in support of my amendment to H.R. 2989 regarding the transportation enhancements program (voted on September 4, 2003) be included in the RECORD.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF STATE PARK DIRECTORS,
September 4, 2003.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PETRI: The National Association of State Park Directors (NASPD) is the organization that comprises the leadership of the State Park Systems in all fifty (50) States. We are writing to support your amendment to strike section 114 from the 2004 Transportation Appropriations Bill, H.R. 2989.

Transportation Enhancements (TE's) help to provide environmentally sustainable infrastructure and fund critically important and popular projects in all jurisdictions represented by NASPD. TE's help to enhance the street-scapes of communities throughout the Nation and to provide pedestrian and bicycle connections for both transportation and recreational purposes, thereby, reducing congestion, protecting air quality, enhancing public health through exercise and improving the quality of life for millions of Americans.

As stewards of the State Park Systems Nationwide, we can attest to the popularity of the projects funded by TE's and utilized by so many of our patrons, constituents of all members of Congress. While section 114 of the bill would still allow States to use highway funds for Enhancement projects, in our opinion, this provision would threaten the integrity of the program and we applaud your efforts to remove it from the final legislation. We urge all members of Congress to support your amendment.

Sincerely,

PHIL MCKNELLY,
President.

HONORING EBRI'S 25TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Employee Benefit Research Institute on its twenty-fifth anniversary. Since coming to Congress, one of my ongoing legislative priorities has been to ensure that America's workers will enjoy retirement security when they end their careers. When I think of those who have helped educate me and my colleagues—and the public—about the issues and challenges facing workers, the Employee Benefit Research Institute is high on the list. Indeed, without their high quality research and analysis, few would fully comprehend the problems we face and the viable options for solving them.

EBRI has provided this service for a quarter century, and it has established an impressive track record on issues ranging from Social Security to health benefits, as well as a panoply of private pension issues. EBRI's data is reliable and its analyses helpful. Their reports are uniquely useful because rather than recommend approaches, EBRI simply lays out the options for policymakers.

In today's often partisan atmosphere, EBRI's focus on the facts is particularly welcome. By doing so, they often provide common ground where those with differing ideological stances can reach compromise. I hope my colleagues will join me in congratulating EBRI on its 25 years of service, and I look forward to relying on its counsel in the years to come.

TRIBUTE TO MS. CECILE DICKEY

HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call your attention to the life and work of an outstanding individual who I feel fortunate to call my friend, Ms. Cecile Dickey. She was recognized on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, for her 28 years of unwavering dedication and service to the Head Start Program in my hometown of Paterson, New Jersey.

During her long and distinguished career as the Executive Director of Concerned Parents for Head Start, Ms. Dickey has maintained responsibility for the overall administration and operation of a program that includes Early Head Start, teenage student mothers, and an adult education program for welfare recipients that prepares its students for gainful employment. It is only fitting that Cecile Dickey be honored for her commitment to improving the quality of life in Paterson through education in this, the permanent record of the greatest freely elected body on earth.

Cecile Dickey began her career with Head Start in the summer of 1965 when, after registering her son in Project Head Start, she volunteered her services as a Parent/Volunteer. Over the next 7 years, Cecile progressed from volunteer to assistant teacher to teacher and, in 1973, she was named the Director of

Concerned Parents for Head Start. Under Ms. Dickey's dedicated leadership, Head Start has grown to accommodate over 700 pre-school aged children in six locations throughout Paterson.

As the Executive Director of Head Start, Cecile soon recognized the need to remain knowledgeable about the newest trends in childhood education in order to ensure the quality education that her students deserved. Deciding to return to college, Ms. Dickey earned degrees in Early Childhood and Special Education from William Paterson University and in Public Policy and Urban Education from St. Peter's College in Jersey City. In 1989, she accepted a lectureship in the Public Policy Department at St. Peter's College where she spent the next 7 years sharing her enthusiasm and expertise with her college-aged students while continuing her duties as the Executive Director of Concerned Parents for Head Start.

In many ways, Cecile Dickey's commitment to the young children of Paterson has extended beyond the classroom walls. She was instrumental in enacting the New Jersey Anti-Lead Bill, and has served on several Educational Task Forces for former Governor Thomas H. Kean. She was the founding president of the New Jersey Head Start Association and a former Vice President of Region II (New York, New Jersey, and Puerto Rico) of the National Head Start Association. Ms. Dickey currently serves on the board of the Second Baptist Church Community Development Corporation in Paterson, and heads a Not-For-Profit Housing Corporation which has completed and sold 47 townhouses in the City of Paterson. She was recently appointed to the Board of Trustees of St. Joseph's Hospital.

Cecile Dickey's exemplary service to the City of Paterson has been recognized both locally and nationally. She is the recipient of the Ann Phipps Memorial Award—the highest honor in National Head Start Service. In addition, she has received the William Paterson University President's Medal, the Passaic County College Woman of the Year Award, and the Johnson and Johnson Fellows MIP Award. Yet, despite the many commendations and prestigious seats on councils and boards that she has received over the years, her work as the executive director of Concerned Parents for Head Start has remained Ms. Dickey's first love.

Mr. Speaker, the job of a United States Congressman involves so much that is rewarding, yet nothing compares to recognizing the efforts of devoted educators and public servants like Ms. Cecile Dickey. I ask that you join our colleagues, the faculty and students of Head Start, Ms. Dickey's family and friends, and myself in recognizing Cecile Dickey for 38 years of outstanding service to the children of Paterson.

IN RECOGNITION OF BP SOLVAY
POLYETHYLENE NORTH AMERICA

HON. CHRIS BELL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor BP Solvay Polyethylene North America on the occasion of being named the 2003 Industry of

the Year by the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce.

BP Solvay Polyethylene North America manufactures high density polyethylene plastic in the shape of small round pellets which are used to make a wide range of consumer and industrial products, including milk bottles, gas tanks, children's play toys, plastic bags and liners. The company's world class business processes have distinguished BP Solvay Polyethylene North America's employees as number one in customer satisfaction (out of 675 resin buyers) for the fourth time per Mastio and Company, a well-recognized survey company.

At the core of BP Solvay Polyethylene North America's values lies a commitment to safe operations, preserving the environment, and protecting the health and welfare of employees and neighbors. To accomplish this, the company employs highly skilled, trained, and motivated individuals.

The company's goal is for Deer Park citizens to feel that the community is a better place because of their neighbor, BP Solvay Polyethylene North America. Through the years, the site has worked closely with the Deer Park Chamber of Commerce and numerous other local organizations. The company supports the Deer Park Independent School District on activities ranging from involvement and financial support of the high school's honors recognition banquet, fire prevention safety for students, to sponsorship of an annual art and essay scholarship program. Through the years, the company's employees have particularly enjoyed working with partner school Deer Park Junior High on student plant tours, campus fix-up and environmental projects, and traveling plastic science shows for classrooms.

Besides education, BP Solvay Polyethylene North America supports numerous civic initiatives and groups. The company's volunteer team, named the Community Activities Team, has been active for almost 15 years, guiding over 3,000 volunteer hours per year.

RECOGNITION OF THE 65TH ANNI-
VERSARY OF THE INDIAN CRAFT
SHOP

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mark the 65th anniversary of the Indian Craft Shop at the U.S. Department of the Interior. This shop is one of Washington, D.C.'s most remarkable sites for Native American art enthusiasts. Originally established in order to provide an outlet for American Indian artists to market their work, the Indian Craft Shop has represented quality and authenticity in American Indian arts and crafts in our nation's capital since 1938. Over the years the craft shop has developed a national reputation for carrying a diverse selection of Native American art.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to the efforts of places like the Indian Craft Shop, American Indian art, in all forms, has never been more alive and dynamic. Today, Native American art continues to be one of the most gratifying and exciting forms of art to collect. With over 45 Native American tribal groups' artwork on display,

the Indian Craft Shop offers quality artwork to the novice as well as the skilled collector.

American Indian art combines age-old tradition, innovation and talent that results in a wide variety of art for all levels of collecting, irrespective of whether you are beginning with a first time purchase or have been collecting for years. Craft areas represented in the shop include pottery, jewelry, quill and beadwork, kachinas, sculpture, weavings, basketry, sandpainting, fetish carvings, Alaskan crafts/carvings and many other craft items.

Through its tireless efforts, the Indian Craft Shop has successfully built a widespread appreciation for the skill and time involved in the crafts and the continuation of artistry through today's generation. Without a doubt the shop will continue to play a large role in expressing the livelihood of American Indian artisans and in the preservation of this country's only indigenous art. Therefore, on this day, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the 65th anniversary of The Indian Craft Shop.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN D. LAVELLE

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late General John D. Lavelle, who was born on this day in 1916.

A proud son of Ohio, Jack Lavelle was born and raised in Cleveland and graduated from John Carroll University in 1938. On the eve of war, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in June 1940. During World War II, he flew combat missions in the European Theater, where he served with the 412th Fighter Squadron.

Following the war, Jack Lavelle was assigned to Wright Field, Ohio. A career aviator, his service would span 32 years and include assignments around the globe. He rose to the rank of four-star general as commander of the U.S. Seventh Air Force in 1971.

During his career, Jack Lavelle was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, and the Belgian Fourragere.

Jack Lavelle passed away on July 10, 1979. He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in remembrance of this courageous and patriotic American.

TRIBUTE TO MARK MARTENSEN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 9, 2003

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a gifted and talented local artist from the San Diego area, my friend, Mark Martensen. Mark was asked by his hometown of Chula Vista to create a sculpture that will be displayed outside the city's new fire station in Otay Ranch. Mark's piece, as yet unnamed, will be unveiled on September 11, 2003, serving as a lasting memorial to the brave firefighters who risk their lives to protect ours.